

Weekly Views

October 19, 2012

Indiana Women's Prison Superintendent Steve McCauley led a tour of the facility to Indiana Court of Appeals Judge Patricia Riley and two colleagues, Milkah Murugi Cheptinga and Eric Gumbo from the Legal Aid Centre of Eldoret (LACE) in Kenya. Cheptinga and Gumbo were visiting Indianapolis for a presentation. The Legal Aid Centre of Eldoret (LACE) in Kenya is a human rights law clinic working in close association with the Indiana University-affiliated and Nobel Peace Prize-nominated AMPATH (Academic Model Providing Access to Healthcare) program in Eldoret, Kenya.

The Rockville Correctional Facility held its second annual Cupcake War to benefit the 2012 Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.

Staff met the challenge this year, as both groups and individuals, with entries such as the Pink Lemonade which won first place in the multi-cake display category, the first place Apple Cider cupcake with Pumpkin Pie topping in the individual cupcake winner (created by the Steve Hazard family) and the chocolate ganache cupcake with mint icing, topped with an Andes mint, which took home third place in the multi-cake display competition (courtesy of Superintendent Julie Stout, Assistant Superintendents Pam Ferguson and Stacey Milner). Other entries included a jack-o-lantern/spooky cupcake themed display which won best of show and a chocolate cherry coconut cupcake which took second place in the individual competition, both created by Aramark staff. Officer Lana Carr won second place in the multi-cake display category with her banana split cupcakes. Judging was once again provided by Phyllis Akers, Parke County Home Extension member. The sale of the delectable treats netted \$319.50 for Race for the Cure. (see photo below of Steve Hazard and Phyllis Akers)

The Promoting Positive Corrections Culture and Employee Recognition Committees sponsored a Health Fair and Blood Drive at the Putnamville Correctional Facility. Representatives from St. Vincent, Clay & Putnam County Hospitals, Aflac, Sonus Hearing Care, American Cancer Society, Hamilton Center, Indiana State Farm Insurance and PNC Bank distributed pamphlets and novelties promoting stronger, healthier lives and mental health awareness. On-site Flu shots, diabetes, blood pressure and ear canal exams were available, along with a variety of heart healthy refreshments served by Culinary Art students.



The Correctional Industrial Facility garden has had its final harvesting for the year. Even with a dismal growing year due to the drought, much hard work and dedication yielded almost 7,500 pounds of fresh vegetables that were dispersed between six Madison and Hancock County food banks and one soup kitchen in Anderson, IN. The Correctional Facility would like to thank our sponsors who donated the plants and seeds to help develop our garden: Brawners Greenhouse in Fortville, Mathews True Value Hardware and R&R Market in Pendleton, and Stephanie Grissom.

PEN Products held a Career Path Planning Workshop at the Indianapolis Re-entry and Education Facility (IREF). In attendance were 29 IREF residents along with 12 Corrections/Re-entry professional from IDOC and community service providers. Utilizing Career Assessment tools, the participants learned how they can leave prison and use an entry level job as a starting point for developing a lifelong career.

New Castle Correctional Facility (NCCF) staff welcomed Keith Butts as the new Superintendent at NCCF effective Monday, October 15th. Welcome to the NCCF team Superintendent Butts!

Vincennes University Law Enforcement students got a firsthand look at life in a maximum-security facility during a tour of Wabash Valley Correctional Facility. Students, taking a course dealing with corrections by instructor Dottie Stanfill, visited segregation, open population units and programming areas, learning more about the re-entry process.

The Therapeutic Community at Westville Correctional Facility hosted celebrated the unit's recent expansion. In August, the community moved to another area of the facility and increased its population by 200. The day's celebration included guest speakers, music, stompers, and acknowledgment of the community's success thus far. The gymnasium was filled with excitement and support for the 640 offenders now housed in the Therapeutic Community.

Rockville Correctional Facility Sergeant Jeff Duffer was presented with a plaque for 20 years of E-Squad service. Sergeant Duffer began his career in corrections on March 11, 1991 and joined the E-Squad on March 19, 1992. In his 21 years of service, he has served as a Personal Protection/Security Skills Instructor for the past 18 years as well as a member of E-Squad Special Weapons Team for the last 15 years. He has been a supervisor for the last 8 years and has attended 39 academies in his career. Congratulations Sergeant Duffer! Rockville Correctional Facility is proud to call you one of its own!

Samples of the Correctional Professionals Assistance Fund of Indiana (CPAFI) promotional items have begun to arrive at facilities. To check out what items are available for those who donate to the CPAFI (code 662100) through this year's SECC campaign, and to try on sizes, see your CPAFI Facility Representative today!